

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS - SUBMIT BY **SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

North Carolina Beach Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWA) Annual Conference

November 16 & 17, 2015

Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach N.C.

NCBIWA's eighteenth annual conference will focus on the key issues facing North Carolina's coast. The annual conference continues to attract a diverse cross-section of local government managers, planners and elected officials; State and federal resource managers and regulators; practicing and research engineers, geologists, biologists, oceanographers, and environmental specialists; real estate and insurance professionals; commerce and tourism authorities; and the marine trade and boating industries.

THE FOLLOWING THEMES COULD BE THE FOCAL POINT FOR SEVERAL SESSIONS, HOWEVER WE ARE LOOKING FOR AND WELCOME ABSTRACTS ON ANY COASTAL OR MARINE TOPIC IN ADDITION TO THOSE PROVIDED BELOW;

- **Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Exploration** – Political Realities, Environmental Consequences, and Economic Impacts of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM's) Draft Proposed Program for 2017-2022, Industry Experiences and Technologic Advancements, Geology and Geophysical Studies, etc.
- **Onshore and Offshore Renewable Energy** – Solar energy capacity and generation in North Carolina, Wind project(s) updates and lessons learned. Regulatory, economic, and environmental considerations and realities. Ocean current, tidal, and wave energy research and developments.
- **Beach and Inlet Shore Protection/Mitigation Projects** – Project summaries and conclusions for beach nourishment and inlet stabilization projects. Sand source delineation, jetties and groins, nourishment template design, inlet relocation efforts, and permitting in North Carolina and abroad. New Funding paradigms on the federal, State, or local level.
- **Protection Efforts along Hatteras Island and the Outer Banks** – Bonner Bridge updates, historical review, and status; Hwy 12 maintenance issues and plans both "north and south" of the Bonner Bridge, New Research and Development along the Outer Banks, and more.
- **Endangered Species Act Updates** - Policy implications realized and potential effects associated with either recently enacted or proposed listings and critical habitat designations associated with the Loggerhead Sea Turtle, Atlantic Sturgeon, Red Knot Rufa, or others. Programmatic permitting approaches, "environmental window" considerations for dredging and beach nourishment, impacts to fisheries, development, the economy, recreational use, and more.
- **Shallow Draft waterway & Coastal Waters Planning, Funding, and Projects** – Case studies, dredged material management, easement issues, "Waters of the United States", funding, and more.

If you have an idea for a presentation topic or would like to augment the above topics, please submit an abstract to jtomjarrett@aol.com **prior to close of business on Friday, September 18th**. Please feel free to forward this email to any contacts in your profession or interest.

In order to facilitate review of the abstracts, please note they should be no longer than one page; and must include your name, affiliation, and contact information, including email address. The abstracts can be submitted in .doc., docx, or .pdf formats and presentations will be for 15 – 30 minutes depending on the volume of abstracts/presentations that are received. The abstract should generally describe the content of the proposed presentation and why it may be of interest to conference attendees. All abstracts will be reviewed by an independent panel, ranked, and selected for acceptance or refusal. You will be notified on **September 25th** if your abstract has been accepted for a presentation, and speakers are responsible for all registration, travel, and lodging costs.